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**LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, MAN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING
AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment on April 3, 2007 against Matthew Wiser-Amos, age 27, of Louisville, Kentucky, on charges of distributing and possessing child pornography, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on or about July 13, 2005, Wiser-Amos distributed child pornography. The Indictment also alleges that Wiser-Amos possessed child pornography on or about February 24, 2006. Under federal law, child pornography is defined as any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Sexually explicit conduct includes (a) actual or simulated sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; (b) bestiality; (c); masturbation; (d) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or (e) lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person.

In the event of a conviction, Wiser-Amos faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years. The maximum potential penalties are 30 years' imprisonment, a \$500,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of any number of years, up to and including life.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless, and it was investigated by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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